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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF BISHOP CLAVER

RESA MANILA 11975, MANILA 12201

1. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED COPY OF LETTER BISHOP CLAVER SENT TO PRESIDENT MARCOS AUGUST 1 REQUESTING EXIT PERMIT TO ATTEND MEETING OF COMMISSION ON NON-BELIEVERS IN ROME SEPTEMBER 21-24. PORTION OF LETTER FOLLOWS: QUOTE IN VIEW OF PAST DIFFICULTIES WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND GENERAL VER'S OFFICE REGARDING TRAVEL ABROAD, I AM CONSTRAINED TO WRITE TO YOU DIRECTLY TO REQUEST AN EXIT VISA TO ATTEND THE MEETING. PARA IN THE PAST HALF YEAR OR SO, I HAVE, ON THREE SEPARATE OCCASIONS, TRIED WITHOUT SUCCESS TO GO THROUGH CHANNELS, THAT IS, WORK FOR A VISA THROUGH THE DFA. ON ALL THREE OCCASIONS THE DFA WOULD NOT ACT ON ANY REQUEST WITHOUT, SO I WAS TOLD, AN EXPRESS ORDER FROM YOUR OFFICE. IT WAS FOR THIS REASON I WRITE YOU LATE IN JUNE IN CONNECTION WITH A TRIP TO THE STATES SCHEDULED FOR EARLY JULY. I NEVER GOT A REPLY AND CONSEQUENTLY HAD TO CANCEL THE TRIP. I AM WONDERING IF YOU EVER RECEIVED THAT LETTER. PARA MAY I ASK THEN IF I CAN PRESUME ON YOUR PERMISSION TO TRAVEL SO I CAN INFORM CARDINAL KOENIG, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION, THAT HE CAN EXPECT ME AT THE MEETING HE IS CALLING?

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END QUOTE.

2. FATHER KENNETH BOGART, S.J., A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF BISHOP CLAVER, TOLD EMBOFFS AUGUST 17 THAT CLAVER'S PASSPORT RESTS SOMEWHERE WITHIN GOP BUREAUCRACY, NEVER HAVING BEEN RETURNED FOLLOWING HIS LAST APPLICATION. HE SAID THEY ARE WAITING TO BE INFORMED BY THE GOP THAT

THE EXIT PERMIT HAS EITHER BEEN ISSUED OR DENIED, BUT AS YET HAVE NO INDICATION WHAT WILL BE DECISION. HE ADDED THEY INTEND TO KEEP CONTACTING GENERAL VER'S OFFICE EVERY FEW DAYS UNTIL A REPLY IF FORTHCOMING. (NOTE: CLAVER TOLD EMBOFF EARLIER THAT IN THE PAST THE GOP HAS SIMPLY TAKEN NO ACTION ON HIS EXIT PERMIT APPLICATIONS, RATHER THAN INFORM HIM THAT EXIT PERMIT DENIED. THIS IF COURSE HAS SAME EFFECT AS DENIAL).

3. COMMENT: FATHER BOGART SPECULATED THAT ONE REASON CLAVER PREVENTED FROM GOING TO US IN JULY MAY HAVE BEEN GOP ANGER OVER RECENT BBC TELEVISION REPORT, IN WHICH CLAVER FEATURED, ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE PHILIPPINES. CLAVER'S POSITION SEEMS FIRM THAT DESPITE HAVING WRITTEN MARCOS DIRECTLY, HE WILL NOT, AS HE PUTS IT, "GROVEL BEFORE THE PRESIDENT" BY PROMISING TO MODERATE HIS COMMENTS WHILE ABROAD. END COMMENT.

4. FULL TEXT OF AUGUST 1 CLAVER LETTER BEING POUCHED EA/PHL.

5. WE WILL STAY IN TOUCH WITH CLAVER AND HIS ASSOCIATES ON THIS MATTER.
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